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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Mary Bernadine Kennelly of Knoxville, who passed away on December 4, 2020 at the age of 98; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Kennelly was born in Deerfield Township to Newton and Ferne (Schrodt) Cooper on October 21, 1922; she graduated from Fairview High School in 1939; she earned her bachelor's degree in Education from Western Illinois University; she married Teddy A. Kennelly at Locust Lane Church in Canton on May 26, 1945, and he preceded her in death on January 29, 2014; together, they moved to a farm in Maquon in 1946; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Kennelly taught in Alpha for 2 years after graduating; she moved to Detroit, Michigan in the summer of 1940, where she worked as a Rosie the Riveter and made parts for planes during World War II; after moving back to Illinois, she taught for the Spoon River Valley School District from 1955 to 1970; she taught at Knoxville Junior High School from 1970 until she retired in 1978; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Kennelly enjoyed working on genealogy with her husband; she loved reading, nature, gardening, and camping with her family; she was deeply committed to her faith and the

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1 relationships she shared with her family and her friends; and

2 WHEREAS, Mary Kennelly was preceded in death by her  
3 parents; her husband; her brother, Berwyn Cooper; her grandson,  
4 Ryan Wiscons; her great-grandson, Colin Kennelly; and her  
5 great-granddaughter, Jolie Wiscons; and

6 WHEREAS, Mary Kennelly is survived by her daughter, Mickey  
7 (Jeff) Woolsey; her sons, Phil (Linda) Kennelly, Kyle (Kathy)  
8 Kennelly, Brian (Debbie) Kennelly, and Kevin (Annette)  
9 Kennelly; 19 grandchildren; 53 great-grandchildren; and one  
10 great-great-grandson; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
13 Mary Bernadine Kennelly and extend our sincere condolences to  
14 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to the family of Mary Kennelly as an expression of  
18 our deepest sympathy.